

- Saeed Keyhan

Hurry up mom, I'm thirsty, too.

Rita Macaulay helps her daughter Aimee cool off during a hot day with a sip from a water fountain in Elmwood Park. Aimee's older sister, Leah, anxiously awaits her turn at the fountain.

English language proposal expected to fail in Congress

By TIM KALDAHL Senior Reporter

Five bills in front of Congress that would amend the Constitution and make English the official language of the United States do not stand much chance for passage, according to both supporters and detractors.

The official English movement started in the early 1980s when former Sen. S.I. Hayakawa of California introduced the first bill. Hayakawa was a founder of the U.S. English organization in 1983. The organization's purpose is to promote English and to keep the U.S. government from using another language for official use, said Julie Owen, national field coordinator for U.S. English.

"English is the de-facto common language of the country," she said. The organization started in 1983 with 300 members. It has ballooned to 350,000, including Walter Cronkite and Arnold Schwarzenegger as members.

The organization is opposed by the National Education Association (NEA) for a

variety of reasons, said John Wilson, a member of the NEA's Executive Committee

"It seemed innocuous," Wilson said of the first bill. The amendment would severely damage bilingual education and hamper other language groups, especially Hispanic, he said.

"It really was against what America stood for," Wilson said, "Usually we expand in education. This contracts."

If English was made the official language, it would help promote its learning, Owen said. More than half the countries in the world have passed official language legislation, she said. Having an official language would be a benefit both economically and socially.

socially.
"English is the door to opportunity," she

"It's silly," said Norman Zinn, Omaha Public Schools foreign language supervisor before his retirement last year. "Black people have been speaking English for years, and they haven't been assimilated."

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Miller seeks UNO and business cooperation

UNO student enters politics, seeks Gretna-area legislative seat

By MICHELLE FLYR Staff Reporter

Representing UNO and helping small businesses are the top two priorities of Wayne Miller, a UNO student running for the Legislature.

Although a first time candidate, Miller said he feels his chances of beating incumbent Sen. Emil Beyer Jr. are good. He received 39 percent of the vote in the primary election, and said he has solid support across the district.

election, and said he has solid support across the district-"People are ready for a change," Miller said. People in the district were not being properly represented, he added.

"Gov. Kay Orr has not done enough to help small businesses out;", he said." Small business must move into communities in order to stimulate growth.

"Small business is the backbone of Nebraska's community."

between colleges and businesses in the state.

Universities must learn to work with businesses,"

Miller said, "With more efficent use of programs such as cooperative education, both small business and students would benefit, This program allows students to get the pratical experience they need while business gets the help it needs."

Miller said he feels UNO is not living up to its potential. UNO should become more involved with the business community, he added.

"By expanding graduate and undergraduate research," UNO and businesses would gain," Miller said. "There is something wrong when a person graduates and can't find a job in the community."

Many people are forced to move out of their homes because of high property taxes, Miller said: The reason for this is the tax base is too narrow, he added.

By getting small businesses into a community, the tax base would increase and property taxes could go down, he said. But as of now the current legislation is more concemed with large corporations, he continued.

Miller said he would like to see more young people become involved in politics. He said he would also like to

show people their vote can make a differnce by giving the community more say on important issues that affect them.

"A reason for low voter turn out is people have issues forced on them without having any say on the matter," Miller said. "It should not be up to the Legislature to decide what is best for everyone.

"A good example of this is government appointments of school board members. People have the right to choose their state school board members. This way the schools will be more responsive to the students needs," he said.

As of now, the hardest part of the campaign is raising money, Miller said. Without funds, a person cannot get the message to the constituents, he added.

Even if he does not win, he said at least he made the incumbent more aware of the needs of the voters. "Now the incumbent has to take a stand and face the issues," he said.

Besides running for state senate, Miller is currently working toward a degree in computer science with a minor in political science. He also has been in the Army Reserves for the past six years.

American Red Cross offers blood donations for surgery

N By SUSAN SVOBODA

More people can now donate blood to themselves if they have surgery scheduled; however, they aren't allowed to stockpile it, according to Mary Tourek

Regional Blood Service has expanded its autologous blood donor program, said Tourek, communication director for the American Red Cross.

A person can donate up to five units of blood for himself when he knows he will have a scheduled operation, Tourek said. These donations are prescribed by a doctor, and are used prior to planned surgeries where a need for blood is expected.

An autologous donation allows a person to have blood he (the patient) knows doesn't have any diseases or antigens it didn't already have, she said. It also provides an excellent way to protect the community's blood supply for

emergencies, Tourek added.

Red Cross officials want to insure all Nebraskans are afforded the opportunity to donate to themselves and will send a representative around the state seeking donations, Tourek said.

"We want to give people in all areas of the 92-county blood region an opportunity to take advantage of the program," Tourek said: "VVe are able to reach rural areas with this program."

The Red Cross charges a fee for collecting, testing, processing and distributing blood, but there is no charge for the blood itself, she said.

Newcomers to surgery are the most A likely candidates for the donations, Tou- arek said.

rek said.
"Most people who use the program"
are first-time donors," Tourek said.
"Some people even come back and donate when they are well."

About 90 percent of the population doesn't qualify for the program because

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Because of fears about contracting AIDS, Red Cross officials make a special effort to show that donating blood is safe.

COMMENT

Secular columnist reviews both God and country

Spending a weekend reviewing entertainment in the Millard area can be hazardous to your health. See what happens when you major in journalism? You risk your sanity with every story.

your sanity with every story.
Friday was God night. Imagine a former rock and roller who finds God and puts together his own Christian rock band. Every clean-cut kid in the area found his way to the Mylon and Broken Heart concert at Westside Church.

No smoking, no drinking, no swearing. Is this any kind of way to give a show? Nine hundred people went to this thing. The rhetoric was on the thick side, too.

"You don't need to have religion to have a relationship with God," said Mylon Le-Fevre, the 43-year-old lead singer. He gave not one, but two, sermons during the concert. He said TV evangelists are "only human" and the "secular press" had a big hand in exposing their shortcomings.

hand in exposing their shortcomings.

When he said that I got a warm fuzzy

right near my heart.

"The way Billy Graham did it is not the way to do it today," LeFevre said. His way is not the way to do it, either.

It was a lonely, scary time being the only person not getting into "the message." I talked with one guy wearing a cross earing who said he really enjoyed M&BH, but was really looking forward to the AC/DC

Tim Kaldahl

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concert later this summer. It may be a conflicting message, but so what?

Another guy said that he broke all his "secular, albums" after "finding God." These people are coming out of the woodwork

God meant his people to rock — that's why the dude upstairs came up with Chuck

Berry.

Saturday turned out to be country night.
I drove out by the Happy Chef near I-80
and Highway 50 and walked into a barn
connected to a Quonset hut, sat down and
prepared for the worst.

The Red Barn wasn't bad, in fact, I kind of enjoyed it. After listening to the indoctrinations of the night before straight, simple music was a relief.

"Are we too loud?" asked Florence Andersen the owner and founder. "Is everybody cool out there?"

Calling it down home is fair. It's what you get for \$3.50. How can anyone not like a song with lyrics like:
"Dancing and drinking to a honky tonk

"Dancing and drinking to a honky tonk band/ is the only kind of loving/ You'll never understand."

There were only two cowboy hats on stage, and one in the audience. It's an older

middle-aged crowd. They're into the music. They have to be — the strongest drink here is Sprite. Florence likes it like that, too. It makes the place easier to run, she said:

said:
"There's a variety in the music," said Florence's grandson Keith. He plays bass in the band when he's not working at a grain elevator. "You get more of a feeling out of it."

His brother Kevin (electric guitar) made another point about the Barn. People actually watch what the musicians do. No dancing or boozing keeps them occupied.

"You mess up and they know it," he said. Comedy is included with the price of admission. It's kind of like a poor man's "Hee Haw" done live.

It's a change of pace, anyway. Everyone needs something different to keep himself

Editor seeks ideas, gripes

Take a look around you. Chances are you're reading this at the study tables in the Student Center, or maybe in the lounge at Arts and Sciences Hall.

Maybe you were lucky enough to dodge the traffic entering the Business Administration Building just long enough to grab a paper out of the stand to the right of the door, then scurry off to a safe little corner of the building long enough to read these insignificant scribblings.

If the weather's decent, maybe you're sitting on the grass, risking skin cancer to

John Rood Editor's Note

glorify in the grips of *The Gateway*. Don't be embarrassed if you're a faculty member who picked the paper up for a break while grading finals, or a staff member killing a few minutes before going back to work.

Wherever you are, take a look around. Chances are you won't see anyone just like you. At UNO, more than any other school, the college newspaper's audience is exceptionally diverse. To say 27 is the average student age at UNO provides a clue, but doesn't really unscramble the uni-

versity's puzzle.
When you sit next to a student in a class at UNO (or stand in front of one to teach), you have just as much chance of meeting a 40-year-old mother of three or SAC air-

man age 30 as you do of meeting an 18year-old fresh out of high school.

Think about it. Then sit down and try to write something that would interest every one of them. It doesn't stop there — don't forget the people standing at the front of the classrooms, or the people who keep them clean. They all expect to be informed and entertained.

It can't be done, at least not all the time. Four years ago, I was a 19-year-old music major who sat where you might be sitting now, talking with some friends and criticizing *The Gateway* for not being more than it was.

At the time, we threw around hundreds of suggestions we thought would have improved those innocent eight pages of newsprint — including anonymously sending the copy editor a dictionary and castrating a couple columnists.

Problem is, by the time you're finally in a position to make some changes, you have to remember all the zillions of different people stomping around out there and one person can't do it all.

We're going to make some changes in the paper during the summer and fall, but it'll take your help. Next time you've got an idea or a gripe about the paper, take a minute to write it down and send it in, instead of just jabbering to the person sitting next to you.

I guarantee the poor confused little devil sitting in the editor's chair will appreciate it.

Who knows? It could even be you.

MAILBAG

Readers question writers' opinions

To the editor:

I was happy to learn that Tim Kaldahl was extolling the virtues of walking despite his incongruous penchant for smoking Camels.

What really troubled me was Kaldahl's characterization of old people as "old geezers" who "just stare" and "don't say 'hello' to people they pass." His observations were not only ageist but sexist, i.e., "overweight housewives usually walk in pairs" and "not many men walk alone."

To top it off, Kaldahl is the reporter who interviewed me only a few weeks ago for a special piece he was doing about what he referred to as the "golden years," Did he really mean the "geezer years?"

Maybe the older people he passed gave him the cold, silent treatment because they could smell a hard smokin duplicitous ageist a mile away.

David E. Corbin,
Ph.D. Associate Professor, Health
Education
Courtesy Associate Professor,
Gerontology

Editor's note: Corbin's comments refer to Kaldahi's column in *The Gateway* last week about walking.

The interview referred to was for a story Kaldahl wrote in The Millard Times.

To the editor:

An open letter to Brad Thiel:

Hey Brad. Enough already. If you continue in this vein of narrow-sighted entertainment recommendations, I'll be forced to ask for my Fund A refund back.

wives usually walk in pairs" and "not By the by (without trying to sound many men walk alone." force-fed by Steinem) not all girls want. To top it off, Kaldahl is the reporter to be "picked up" or "muscled in on." who interviewed me only a few weeks. Priorities?!!

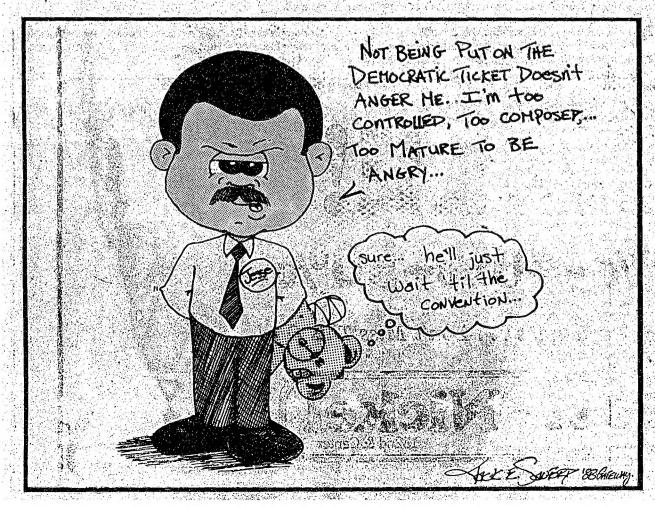
Remember: He who thinks Omaha is a "one horse town" must have only one saddle in the ol' barn. and

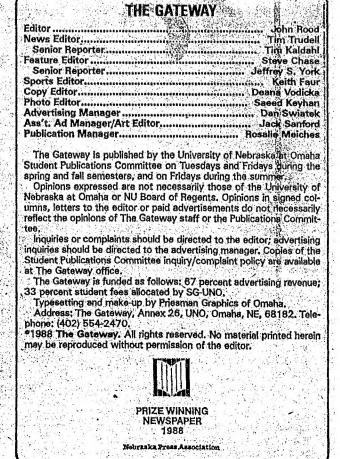
Anymore more words on The Acorns will drive me up the proverbial tree.

Lisa Stankus, Senior Journalism

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OPINION

Shopping Malls: Glitzy microcosms of society show a hollowing humanity

to get a bite to eat. With the usual fast food places sounding too bland, and not enough money or time to try a more expensive, exclusive eatery, we decided to try the Crossroads Mall where we knew there was an abundance of restaurants to choose from.

Within the open mall area and below the escalator, a happy-looking gentleman played a floor-model electric plano. "What's New Pussycat" floated effortlessly among the potted palm trees.

John seemed distracted as we rose up the escalator to the culinary heaven within the big, white tents. "What's on your mind," I asked as his head tilted down

slowly, following a skirt as it walked away below.

"Sure is a lot of jail bait in here," he said. "For some reason, malls seem to attract young, nubile girls.

"Is there something wrong with that? That's one of the reasons I come here," I said.

We ventured around the perimeter of the well-lit oval walkways. Tacos, pizza, corn dogs, Chinese, and on and on. At first I opted for the tacos, but changed my mind and went for the pizza. John wanted Chinese.

We sat back at the table and people nonchalantly stared at us as we ate. John was dissatisfied with his meal. He ordered almond chicken with rice and chicken wings.

"Look at this. I don't know why I order chicken wings. You don't get anything with them except bones."

"Yeah, they look good on the surface, but actually, they're a rip-off." I fanned his chicken steam away from my plate of pizza. "Why does Chinese food you buy in the mall always smell like warmed over garbage?"

"I don't know, but this stuff not only smells like garbage," he said scooping up a fork of gooed rice, "it tastes like it, too."

We talked about malls and how they suck the life out of the downtowns of cities. People are drawn to malls because of the color and excitement. The only thing most

parking.

"You think Westroads is big, in Birmingham they have

Jeeze, and I remember when it was the eighth largest,

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mall in the world. Now it's brushed off as just another shopping center.

We nodded our heads remorsely. Westroads was neat when we were kids, now it doesn't even hold a candle to Crossroads. Once Dillards opens, Westroads will have to do some shuffling to keep their heads above water, especially this Christmas.

John and I stopped what we were doing and took off -downtowns offer anymore is a lot of walking and bad had been finished our food. John promised to buy Steve some olasagna so he walked back to the counter and ordered. I strolled over to where construction on Dillards was taking a mall that makes Westroads look like a Kwik Shop, "John," place. Drywall shielded the construction area from the rest of the mall. Upon close inspection, there was a crack that ran along the length of one of the boards. I squeezed my face up to the crack and looked in.

Within, light shown through a skylight forming a beam rue eint outlined in chalk dust. Behind the wall was yet another ் ஒத் shopping marvel for the citizens of Omaha to experience. Yiln a few months, it would be bustling with customers, eager to take advantage of one deal or another.

got the lasagna; are you ready to go?" John asked, holding a big white sack with gray grease stains seeping

Yeah, lets go," I said. "I have a lot of work to do." As we left, a small group of people gathered around the piano player.

They clapped as he took a bow.

Big Max on Campus











Security officers spend a day in the sun ticketing UNO motorists.

Accident closes UNO street

Traffic was re-routed Wednesday, July 6, after a truck overturned, leaking gas and oil onto University Drive, according to Lou Cartier, director of University Relations.

Traffic was re-routed because the spill made the road slippery, Cartier said. As a precautionary measure, University Drive was closed between the south entrance (near Elmwood Park) and the Ceramic Lab from 6:30 to 10 a.m., he added

The truck belongs to a private contractor hired by the athletic department to re-surface the track. Cartier said. The vehicle attempted to turn onto the ser.

vice road between the tennis courts and HPER Building, he said.

The skids (brakes) holding the tank — which was empty at the time — were not properly secured; Cartier said. When the driver drove the truck up the hill, the tank slipped — causing the vehicle to roll back onto University Drive, he added.

No one was injured in the accident, Cartier said.

Cleanup was slow because the truck landed in an awkward position, he said. Once the truck was removed, the gas and oil were washed away, and the road was re-opened, he said.

New leadership seeks to improve Student Center

By LORI SAFRANEK Staff Reporter

UNO students appear to be more concerned and responsible with their lives than other college students, according to Guy Conway, director of the Student Center.

Conway has been at UNO since March and said he is pleased with what he has seen in the students and the university as a whole.

Conway previously served as director of the Brady Commons, a branch of the student center at the University of Missouri at Columbia. Conway said many of his duties there were representative of what he is responsible for at UNO.

"The students at Missouri didn't appear to be as harried as they are here," he said. "(At UNO) it seems that students go from class to work. They don't seem to have much time for anything else."

That type of lifestyle gave him the view that UNO students are more responsible than their counterparts at Missouri, he said

"At Missouri, it's more of a party atmosphere," he said. "Students talk a lot about having parties. That may have to do with it being a resident university, while UNO is a commuter school."

Another difference between the two schools is school spirit, Conway said.

"At Missouri, there's a Big 8-type sports attitude," he said. "Here, because of the students' lifestyles, I haven't really noticed a big school spirit. Don't get me wrong; I think there is a school spirit, but it is not on, as large a scale as it is at Missouri."

Once settled into the position, Conway said he knew he had to find a good replacement for former Student Activities Manager Joel Zarr. Zarr resigned last year amid allegations that he personally profitted from contracts between UNO and other colleges.

Terry Forman, former orientation man-

ager, was Conway's selection...

"Terry had previously worked in the Student Activities office, and I felt that he was best qualified for the position," Conway

Forman worked under Zarr in the office, but not at the time of the alleged violations, Conway said.

Forman, a 1979 UNO graduate, was appointed in June:

Forman said he has not had much of a chance to change things, but didn't see the Zarr situation as being detrimental to the effectiveness of his position.

"Probably the biggest change in the job will be that people are keeping a closer eye on things," he said. "That's not just in the Student Activities office, but in the entire Student Center."

"Guy has a good student activities background and he'll be an invaluable asset, with a positive impact and positive changes," Forman said.

Forman said he has three new changes he would like to implement in his new position. The addition of either a full- or part-time staff member, advertising of Student Activities in area high schools and an increased emphasis on clubs and organizations on campus are Forman's current plans.

plans.

"We spend a lot of time and a lot of money on fraternities, sororities, SPO and Student Government. I think probably 70 percent of the effort, sometimes 80 percent at certain times of the year, is put into those three areas. The other agencies, such as UMC (United Minority Students) and women's resources and others, are kind of left out. We really need to spend more time on these organizations," he

Forman said he plans on establishing a clubs and organizations newsletter to provide better communications between the organizations and his department, as well as within the various organizations.

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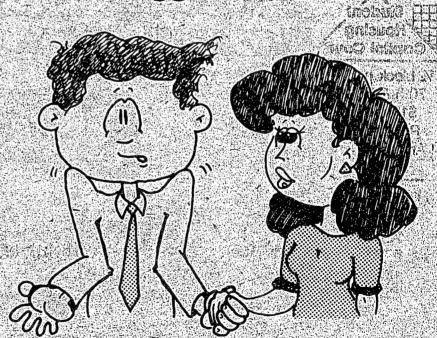
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Grade school students from the metro area recently spent a day outdoors at UNO studying foreign cultures, such as Egypt, American Indians and the Orient, as part of a gifted student program, according to UNO instructor Sharon Oakes.

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most surgeries are emergencies, Tourek said. But "people who are scheduled for surgery and who are healthy enough can use this service," Tourek said.

Individuals with AIDS, hepatitis, syphilis or specific antibodies are unable to use the service, she said. However, individuals who have upcoming orthopedic or hysterectomy surgery, for example, are likely candidates, Tourek added.

However, there is an important distinction with the autologous program, Tourek said. The Red Cross does not stockpile blood; it simply preserves it for planned surgery, she said.

The autologous donation program does not indicate there is a danger to the agency's current blood supply. Tou-

There is a possibility the public may perceive this program as a warning that the blood supply is contaminated with the AIDS virus, but "encouraging this program in no way shows that the com-munity supply (of blood) is unsafe." Tourek stated.

"It is a good program, but there is a perspective people have with blood. The risk is so small anyway, and people don't realize that. Statistically, receiving blood is safer than leaving the house in the morning.

In addition, Tourek said the regular donations are required "for the 90 to 95 percent of others who need blood."

'We may see an effect on the blood supply in the future, she said, but we're hoping it won't affect it."

English from page 1

The controversy makes for interesting arguments on both sides, said Gordon Mundell, a linguistics professor at UNO. Mundell noted that America is already the fourth largest Spanish-speaking nation in the world.

"It was the great goal of 19th-century education to assimilate." Mundell said. That same goal today is not very productive, he said.

The common border with Mexico keeps Spanish alive where European immigrant languages died out, Mundell said.

'That isn't going to change much," he said. Spanish in the southwest United States didn't stop after the war of 1848, Mundell said.

"You are disadvantaging people who do not speak English," said Bill Herndon, director of United Minority Students (UMS). 'Spanish should be more like a second language."

The proposal would keep people from participating in the schools, the job market and government, he said.

Bilingual ballots are not necessary, Owen said. People who can't read English should be able to bring a translator into the booth with them to help them vote, like the blind, she said.

U.S. English does support bilingual education that makes students English fluent, she said.

Most immigrant people do strive to learn English as fast as possible, said Anthony Jung, chair of the UNO foreign language department. Jung came to America as a child in 1955 from Germany.

"The students that are in these bilingual programs are using them as a bridge," he said. Americans should be "humanely more generous" in their dealings with for-

eign speakers.
"We're losing so much by not being tolerant," he said. It's damaging that some Americans feel threatened by other languages, he said. A second language is helpful in nearly all facets — business as well as social.

"We treat students who speak two lan-guages as handicapped," Wilson said.

Afghan internships sought

UNO officials are requesting assistance from area organizations and businesses in providing internships for 21 Afghan stu-

The etudents are part of the Afghan Scholarship Program, a one-year program providing technical and management training. The program is designed to help the students lead efforts to rebuild their country after the Soviet pull-out presently under

The scholarship program is sponsored by UNO's Center for Afghanistan Studies and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).

'Organizations or businesses will benefit from the labor of these extremely talkented indiviuals with technical training," said John Swain, coordinator of the in-ternship program. "Not only will businesses get good workers, but we can serve as ambassadors of goodwill to Afghanistan, expose them to another cultures and develop future contacts.

All the Afghan students are fluent in English and have bachelor's degrees and experience in their areas of expertise. including medicine, pharmacy, architecture, civil and mechanical engineering, economics, education, communication and agronomy.

"The Afghans in this program are exceptional people," Swain said.

The desired internship experiences are ones in which the student would be exposed to technically relevant activities and to American management practices. The technical areas are of special interest to the Afghans in their areas of expertise because they are extremely interested in practical skills, according to university officials.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINME

KVNO revives radio theater with 'Technicolor Radio' show

By RICH CUMMINGS Contributing Writer

UNO's campus radio station, KVNO, plans to revive and revise radio theater for the 1980s with the "Technicolor Radio"

Jim Payne, KVNO operations coordinator, said he wants to use local talent to create and perform radio theater. Payne said radio drama has for the most part disappeared in this country since Orson Wells and the 1940s.

'No one has ever touched what he could do with radio," he said.

At the beginning of July, 12 scripts were chosen from the Technicolor Radio's script writer contest. The scripts cover comedy, drama, horror, science fiction, thriller and spoofs of 1940s-style radio theater.
Charlotte Shedd experienced some

problems trying to adjust her modern Sherlock Holmes-type thriller to radio. Shedd, an Omaha resident, is one of the 12 finalists in the contest.

"I had the idea and setting in short-story form and had to revise it for radio," she

"Radio writing is so very different from stage script," Shedd said. "You can't just have the character nod to them (the audience); you have to tell them.'

The scripts will be produced and directed by Payne and funded in part by a grant from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. With talent from the public

into 30-minute programs that will air in March 1989.

The station also plans to organize the Technicolor Radio's Residential Company, Fa performing group of six men and four women. Auditions will be held July 18 and 20 in KVNO's studio in the Engineering Building, Room 102, from noon to 5 p.m.

When the dramas are aired, they will also be released to National Public Radio (NPR) for other public radio stations to broadcast. Payne said he hopes 10 to 20 stations will pick up the programs and air

Payne said everyone involved, including the actors, technicians and producers, will learn a lot from this year's experience. With stereo and sound effects, the coordinator said the company will attempt to create an almost visual space of audio.

'The fun part about it is that inside everyone's head is a movie studio and we'd like to awaken that," he said.

This year's productions will be handled mostly by KVNO staff members, but Payne welcomes anyone who wants to help technically or dramatically. If the productions are well received by NPR stations, future productions will incorporate even more assistance from the general public.

'We hope to build a repertoire of talent in acting, producing and technique," Payne said. "In the future, I would love to create a way for people to learn radio drama pro-

The Nebraska Shakespeare Fest

Second season of Shakespeare on the Green attracts record crowds, nationally known actors



"To be or not to be. . ." Kizziah as Hamlet, Prince of Denmark, delivers the bard's famous solilo-quy in the Nebraska Shakespeare Festival's version of Hamlet on July 10.

Photos by

Saeed Keyhan

and

Steve Chase

By STEVE CHASE **Features Editor**

If there was one way to sum up the Nebraska Shijakes-peare Festival's second season of "Shakespeare of the Green," it would have to be the audience's reaction to the last performance.

As the final act of Hamlet came to a close, an attaintive crowd of about 5,000 people rose to their feet to applicate the company's effort.

"I was really pleased and delighted with the audicince," Keith Hale, an actor with the company for the second year,

'Last year, the people (in the audience) trickled saway slowly at the end of play," he said. "This year, p cople stayed to the end."

This response was not uncommon throughout the tenure of the three-week event. According to Steven J. Peters, managing director of the Nebraska Shakes peare Festival Inc., total attendance for all 12 performance s was 27,000. This more than doubled last year's attendance of 13,000.

Alan Klem, the director of Hamlet, praised both the players and the audience in making "Shakespeare of n the

"I feel we've established something here," he said.
"I've seen a lot of festivals and been a part of several throughout the country. I believe this could match up with several others across the country."

For some of the others involved, the second y ear of "Shakespeare on the Green" brought other benefits. Cynthia Phaneuf, director of A Midsummer's Night Diream, said an increase in funds allowed the festival to expand its search for actors and actresses this year. One of these players was Casey Kizziah, a veteran actor and instiructor at New York University.

Kizziah, who played the leads in both Hamlet and A Midsummer's Night Dream, also played the role of damlet in 1978 in Ft. Worth, Tex. At the time, Klem was directing the production.

Although Kizziah had worked with Klem before, Klem said Kizziah was selected solely on his audition.

"When I talked to him (this year) for the first wime," Klem said, "I discouraged him from auditioning be cause I wanted someone younger to play the part.
"Hamlet is such a difficult role," he said, "It's heard to

find someone who is familiar with the material."

'Out of all the people we (Klem and Phaneuf) auditioned for the role of Hamlet, Kizziah was the best," he staid. The festival also emphasized searching for local talent.

Phaneuf said half the actors in the troupe were from the Omaha area; especially students from UNO and Crei ghton University. Others, such as Cork Ramer from Lincoln were selected over nationally known thespians.

"Actors such as Ramer are on par with other actors throughout the country," Klem said. "I hope in the future



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Disabled UNO student receives scouting awards In addition to his work with the Boy

By JEFFREY S. YORK Senior Reporter

UNO student Joe Wherry is no stranger to awards.

A Vietnam veteran, this 39-year-old elementary education major received the Military Order of the Purple Heart for a bullet wound he suffered while serving on a patrol boat in the Mekong Delta in 1969. Yet when talking about awards, Wherry called attention to his two most recent ones, acquired last month.

"I'm really proud of these," he said, pulling out a pair of large plaques from a drawer in UNO's Disabled Students Agency office

'It's a matter of taking responsibility seriously and becoming a student of your trade — that's what makes a good Scout and a good leader.'

Joe Wherry

The plaques, presented to Wherry by the Boy Scouts of America, commemorate his 18 years of service as a Scout leader. One plaque reads as a tribute to Wherry's leadership qualities, while the other contains the signatures of the 93 Eagle Scouts with whom he worked during his three years as Eagle Scout chairman:

'Scouting is very moortant to me;" Wherry said, adding that the organization no longer bears the reputation of being a "baby-sitting service."

"One thing we teach is how to survive with other people, he said. Scouting takes commitment and cooperation, and people recognize that. If two people are up for a scholarship and one is an Eagle, the Eagle is more likely "an Eagle Scout," it reads. "Honor, loyto get it," he said. "All 93 of my Eagles halty, courage, cheerfulness, service -

Scouts, Wherry is also a board member of the Disabled Students Agency, a group which deals with the rights of disabled persons.

We're open to both disabled students and students interested in the rights of the disabled; "Wherry said. Anyone who wants to can come in and look around.

The agency, located in Room 122 of the Student Center, features special programs and facilities for the handicapped; such as adjustable tables, magnifying glasses and a telecommunications device for the deaf. Wherry also pointed out the arrangement of the agency's furniture, which allows students more freedom of movement than in a conventional office setting.

We're concerned with making UNO more convenient and comfortable for all students." he said.

Still, Wherry said his work with the Boy Scouts is what he finds most rewarding.

"I'll never give up Scouting," he said. "It's my whole life.

Quoting from Scout's oath to "do my duty to God and country," Wherry said that "you've got to live it. The kids take your example, and they learn more from what they see than from what they

It's a matter of taking responsibility seriously and becoming a student of your trade — that's what makes a good Scout and a good leader," he said.

In June, the Boy Scouts of America gave Wherry 98 reasons why the Scouts think he is a good leader. Reasons one through 93 are the signatures. of those he has assisted on their way to Scouting's highest goal. A separate. plaque was needed for the other five reasons.

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During a rehearsal in late June, Cork Ramer (right), an award-winning actor from Lincoln and Casey, Kizziah practice their lines on the stage in Elmwood park.



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One of the unique aspects of this year's festival was: Klem's staging of Hamlet. Instead of setting the play in the traditional Elizabethan style, the director adapted Shakespeare's work to the 18th century.

"The main reason I adapted Hamlet for the 18th century was because it was a period of enlightenment and the age of reason." Klem said. "Since Hamlet relies on reason, it is an interesting contrast to what is going on.

He compared the play to the movie "Amadeus" which concerned with the life and times of composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Both, he said, were about people who lived under a facade of elegance that covered turmoil in the character's lives.

"I also like the period," he said. "The 18th century has a good look to it.

To create the mood of this time, Klem used costumes and music from the era. He also had design people research weaponry to make sure it was consistent with the period.

The only aspect he retained from the original was the

The play fits well into the period," he said. "Shakespeare was 200 years ahead of his time."

"I was concerned that people would stay to see a three hour play," Klem said. "I was delighted to see that people really sat through the play."

For both the audience and actors, open theater poses some difficulties; the players must battle the elements and compete with outside noises while trying to keep the attention of a large audience. Peters said the script was written with an outdoor audience in mind.

'Shakespeare created his works to be performed out of doors without the technical systems we are so used

"The kind of support we can offer allows the actor in the park setting to focus on his own work and strive to perfect the role;" Peters said.

He explained that because of the turnout, the festival seems to have the support it needs to continue for more seasons.

The festival proves that great things can happen in Omaha," he said: "It seems to have met a need in the community and showed that Omaha has a real appetite for Shakespeare.

Upstairs Theatre so-so with 'Cheaper by the Dozen

I went to the Upstairs Dinner Theatre to review its

current production, Cheaper by the Dozen.
The "dinner" part is very good: The buffet is attractive and delicious, the staff is attentive and cheerful

and the ambiance is pleasant.
The "theatre" part is so-so. There is some obvious talent and much enthusiasm, but most of it is doesn't hold up against what appears to be generally inexperienced actors and some poor choices of directing.

Frank DeGeorge is the best thing that this production has going for it, and no wonder; DeGeorge walked away with the Fonda-McGuire Award for Best Actor and The Critics Choice Award at Omaha Community Playhouse's annual awards event just a few weeks ago.

DeGeorge brings a refreshing interpretation to the role of Frank Gilbreth. He's not as stiff as the Clifton Webb film version most of us are familiar with. Instead, DeGeorge is a sort of white collar Jackie-Gleason-as-Raiph-Kramden: loud, but lovable, even when he's being pig-headed.

Vicki Dowling would have been remarkable for her work in the role of Lillian Gilbreth, but she was so often made to blend into the background that I often disre-

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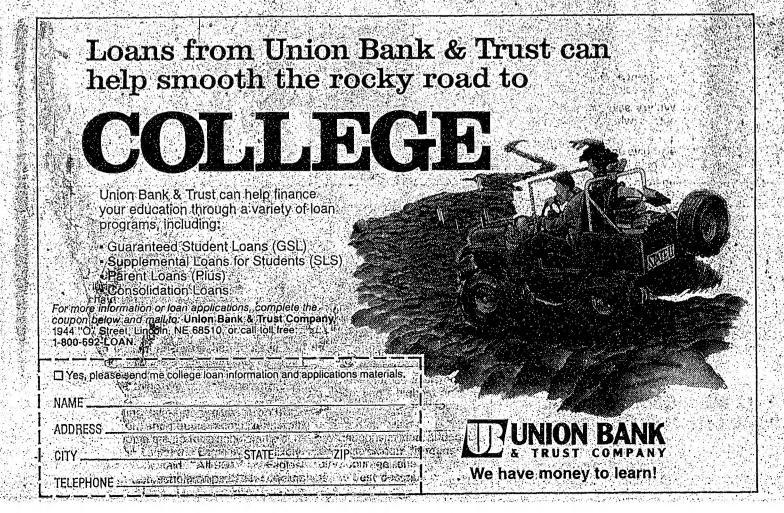
garded her presence on stage. I suppose she did well. just didn't notice her, and that's a shame because Lillian Gilbreth was just as important to the field of industrial efficiency as her husband was. One doesn't get that impression from this production.

There were 12 Gilbreth children in real life, but only nine appear in the play. Of that nine, the five youngest were double cast and played alternating performance dates. I saw Cast A, which consists of Brian Giaffaglione, LeAnn: Anderson, Robin-Walkenhorst, Chad Brockway and Monica Kingery. I'm taking this much effort to mention them because they, too, were one of the very few applaudable aspects of this production.

Millard North graduate Jennifer Peterson had some nice moments in the role of Anne, the rebellious older sister, but she played every emotion at the same level: broadly. That's only a lack of experience, really. Peterson shows a lot of promise, and we should expect to see some fine acting from her if she keeps working at her craft.

Jeremy Golden and Kerry Buchheister fair rather well as Frank Gilbreth Jr. and Ernestine, but only when they are on stage and a part of the action there. Frank and Emestine Gilbreth were the actual authors of the novel: Cheaper by the Dozen, from which the play and the

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– Entertainment Columnist

12. Want interesting and important? Last week, Nebraska State Sen. Ernie Chambers provided 30 minutes of the most animated television I've ever witnessed.

"It was more Howard's idea than anything," said Gary Repair, producer and director of Contact Omaha, Howard Lowe is director of University Television.

It's nice to see Channel 26 being more than the station that comes in better than 12. It's about time Omaha had a show like this. Channels 3, 6 or 7 could have done it, but they would have stuck it in a yucky time slot. Although Contact Omaha is going head to head with Carol Schrader and Gary Kerr, programs like this have a lot more leeway at KYNE. It also follows Sesame Street, the Cosby Show of PRS



KYNE personality Earl Bates hosts Contact Omaha, Omaha's

Back in late February or early March, Lowe and Repair came up with the idea for Contact Omaha and began auditioning prospective hosts (hosti?), Bates was among those called back to do a taped audition, which was a mock of the intended show.

As a guest for the audition, Lowe and Repair had KVNO Station Manager Peter Marsh play the role, "They set me up," Bates recalled.

Marsh, who is usually very outspoken, clammed up once the tapes rolled: "He would answer 'yes' or 'no' or 'uh-huh." After the audition ended, he confessed. Peter said, 'They made me do it. They told me to shut up,' Bates said. Apparently Lowe and Repair saw something they liked in Bates and, to coin a phrase, the rest is history.

Since the show has gone into production, it's been a "trial by fire" situation. "It was scary in the beginning, but I'm starting to settle in." Bates said.

Bates started in music as a booking agent and manager for others. He worked his way into performing because occasionally people he booked wouldn't show. Michelle Phillips at Talent Pool encouraged him to draw up a resume and start auditioning. After a time, Bates found himself doing radio ads and television commercials. Later, Bates got involved in theater and has been able to achieve success in all three media.

Yesterday's guest on Contact Omaha was Rich Latin from the College of Health, Physical Education and Recreation (HPER). He talked about "smart sports," which means getting in shape without hurting yourself. Next week's guest is Bob Reilly, a former professor, who worked in the public relations department at UNO for 20 years. He's written screenplays and heads tours to Ireland. So make up some loaded questions, tune in Thursday at 5, and call 554-2516.

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movie were written, so their stage roles also have them narrating between scenes. That's where Golden and Buchheister were insufferably boring.

This, one, too, could be blamed on inexperience. After all, Golden is only just out of high school, and Buchheister can't be much older. They probably know how to handle themselves only in the context of a traditional set and with a great deal more activity. The narration moments removed these two actors from the stage and placed them in the audience with no props, and these kids looked so self-conscious as they tried (unsuccessfully) to talk easily of their earlier days. It was contrived reverie every time, and it was annoying.

Also on the list of offenses is the portrayal of the school psychologist; Miss Brill, I don't know how much of this to blame on Connie Sutherland Pearson, who played the part, or on the director, William Lacy, but this was the most objectionable characterization, I've

We are given no sympathy for the role of Miss Brill.

She is made to be tight-lipped, unreasonable and ugly both in manner and appearance. No credence is given to her concern for fair and accurate testing. Even though the Gilbreth patriarch disagrees with Miss Brill's strict adherence to the established system of education, neither the director nor the actress should have allowed a stereotype of this role. It insults a profession, it panders to an unfounded notion that unattractive people are unqualified in their opinions, and it's just plain bad theatre.

Now, let's look at some of the things that were undeniably good — the buffet, for instance, was excellent. Chef Max Perry prepared an appetizing selection of fresh fruit, peas with pearl onlons, escalloped potatoes and ham, Turkey Divan and roast beef.

The management and the serving staff get a thumbsup review for their cheerfulness, a welcome change from the indifference one so often encounters. And it wasn't just because they knew I was a reviewer. The staff was just as eager and attentive to all of their quests.

The preshow was a medley of hit parade classics by a quartet of the servers called the Upstagers. Although it was by no means spectacular, it was pleasant. The singing was mainly in unison and often overpowered by the recorded soundtrack accompaniment, and the choreography was rather clicke, but it was OK for the most part.

The Upstagers performed their routine on scenic technician Tom Cech's stage setting for the play. The set is a fine piece of work, accurate from the doorway mouldings right down to the lace antimassars on the parlor sofa.

The Upstairs Dinner Theatre has done some fine work in the past, and they have great potential for future success. They have good people and lots of enthusiasm working for them, and they have a fine buffet.

thusiasm working for them, and they have a fine buffet.

- But it's up to you if you want to spend the ticket price for a good dinner, an OK preshow, a great stage set and so-so acting. I'm not telling you to go

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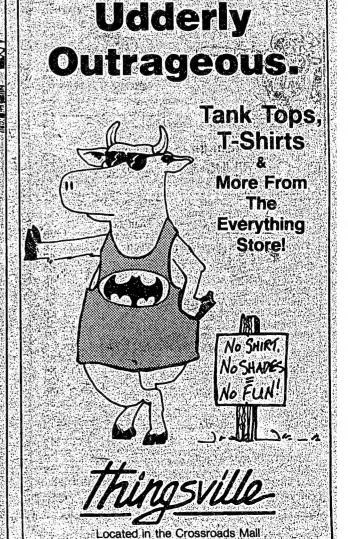
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Scholarship winner plans to study Taiwan's economy

By JEFFREY S. YORK Senior Reporter

When the fall semester begins, UNO students will take to the classrooms, their minds so woozy from summer frolic that it will seem to many that their professors are speaking Mandarin Chinese. For Scot Shugart, they will

Shugart, a UNO senior majoring in finance and economics, received a scholarship to attend the Mandarin Training Center in Taipei, the capital of Taiwan.

The scholarship, funded by the government of Taiwan through its ministry of education, is made available to U.S. through its ministry of education of State Colleges in housing, the said students via the American Association of State Colleges in housing, the said students via the American Association of State Colleges in housing, the said students via the American Association of State Colleges in housing, the said students via the American Association of State Colleges in housing, the said students via the American Association of State Colleges in housing, the said students via the American Association of State Colleges in housing, the said students via the American Association of State Colleges in housing, the said students via the American Association of State Colleges in housing, the said students via the American Association of State Colleges in housing, the said students via the American Association of State Colleges in housing the said students via the and Universities (AASCU).

Students at about 450 schools nationwide are eligible to compete the scholarships, according to Jay Harris, international exchange advisor for UNO's Department of In-

ternational Studies and Programs. Only fifteen scholarships are given, he said.

Students in the one-year program are required to study Mandarin Chinese, said Harris, although they may receive permission for an independent study if they wish...

"I'm looking forward to studying their economy," Shugart said. "Taiwan has really changed. They used to make all these little trinkets, but now they're really high-tech. They're really giving Japan a run for their money.

Shugart, who leaves Aug. 16, said he also harbors some apprehensions about the trip

The scary thing is that I have to arrange for my own housing;" he said: "I have to find a house in a city of about

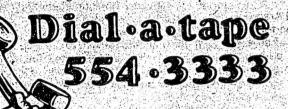
Although he must pay for his own round-trip air fare, Shugart said the scholarship will provide him with full tuition. A housing stipend, worth about \$240 a month at the current exchange rate, is also included, he said.

Harris pointed out UNO's success in placing students in the scholarship program. Another UNO student, Gary Ventura, has been in Taiwan since 1986, having gotten an extension on his scholarship, Harris said. A third student, Robert Voelte was accepted this year, but decided not to participate.

Shugart said that aside from having to find housing in Taipei, he wasn't particularly anxious about the trip.

"I just started thinking about it recently," he said. Shugart also said he doesn't expect to have too much difficulty with the language, after having taken Chinese at UNO, as well as working with a private language instruc-

So even though he'll be half a world away this fall, Shugart will enter the Mandarin Training Center and have the same experience as the UNO students he left behind. On that first day in class, his professors will be speaking Chinese. The only difference is that he'll be able to answer



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Plant, Jett play packed house at Civic

By CRAIG ROTTERMUND Staff Reporter

Looking around the packed auditorium for the Robert Plant concert July 7, it was obvious the audience wasn't limited to old die-hard Led Zeppelin fans, but contained many younger Robert Plant fans, as well.

When the lights went out and Plant exploded into 'Helen of Troy," the energy generated was tremen-

He proceeded to sing songs from three out of four solo outings (Shaken 'n' Stirred excluded) and also several Zeppelin classics.

His backing band, which consisted of Phil Johnstone on keyboards; Chris Blackwell on drums, Doug Boyle on guitar and Charlie Jones on bass, did an excellent job of helping him show off his vocal talents. Strutting around the stage, he seemed to lack the cockiness of his Zeppelin days, but still retained the same confidence

Particularly memorable Led Zeppelin songs included Misty Mountain Hop," "In the Evening" and "Trampled Under Foot." However, the intensity of the Plant

solo material was equally exciting, including the beau-tiful guitar-filled "Ship of Fools," "In the Mood," and 'Big Log;' which provided the first of two encores as well as "Heaven Knows" and a rocking rendition of "Tall Cool One," which contained a bonus interlude from "The Ocean" by Led Zeppelin.

Backing Plant throughout the show was a large circular screen above the stage depicting outer space scenes. Halfway through the concert, the screen began to revolve with the music of "In the Mood." Even though it was a nice effect, it did little to enhance or emphasize Plant's performance.

Although the concert was well done and well received, it seemed to run a little short on time.

Joan Jett and The Blackhearts started the evening off right by using the ending of The Who's "Won't Get Fooled Again" to lead into "Bad Reputation," Playing her bad-girl formula of hard rock, she cranked out such songs as "I Hate Myself for Lovin" You," "Do You Want to Touch Me (Oh Yeah)," "I Love Rock in Roll" and her cover versions of "Everyday People" and "Crimson and Clover," which have become standards in the Joan Jett repertoire.

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Despite Eddie Murphy, 'Coming to America' comes and goes

I am not a curmudgeon; I really do enjoy laughter. When I went to see John Landis' new film "Coming to America," I hoped to laugh. I wanted to laugh. But I didn't laugh. Although this film has its moments, its overall structure lacks cohesion; it provides a flimsy background to a series of attempted humorous vignettes which neither assemble well together nor — in several instances — are individually funny.

eral instances — are individually funny.
"Coming to America" opens in the mythical African land of Zamunda, where we meet Akeem (Eddie Murphy), heir to the throne; his enormous personal staff, his resplendent accommodations and his somewhat aloof family.

It seems that Akeem has come of age and must marry; his parents have long ago selected the proper mate for him, and she has been raised from birth to achieve nothing beyond the flawless and perpetual meeting of his needs. Much to the astonishment and consternation of Akeem's family, he opts not to enter into matrimony with this stunningly beautiful woman, but rather to travel to America, where he will

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seek a woman of intellect — and beauty.
Aided by his ever-faithful comrade
Semmi (Arsenio Hall), Akeem makes his
way to Queens — the joke does not pass
by unmentioned — where he finds himself
in an impoverished section of the city.
Through a series of circumstances, he
comes across the woman of his dreams,
Lisa (Shari Headley), who, with her father,

runs a fast food restaurant where Akeem and Semmi find work.

Director John Landis is capable of great humor; though rather lewd, his "National Lampoon's Animal House" provided entertainment.

Landis seems to go in for lavishly overstated scenes, such as the incredible number of car crashes in "The Blues Brothers." He inserts several such extravagant scenes in "Coming to America," but here, the excesses — for example, the production number heralding the introduction of Akeem's would-be fiancee — become even more inappropriate. The opulence and excesses of this kingdom have already been well established in the narrative; this additional indulgence becomes cloying — and time consuming — because of its unnecessity. In a comedy of manners, these elaborate production numbers become out of place.

Although Eddie Murphy and Arsenio Hall deserve credit for charming performances (such as Murphy's portrayals of an elderly Jewish man named Saul and a legendary entertainer named Randy Watson), these scenes continue far too long in several cases, and in the end, function only as a showcase for the considerable talents of two very able comedians.

Shari Headley puts in a creditable performance in her film debut as Lisa, the intelligent and beautiful young woman with whom Akeem falls in love. James Earl Jones displays his considerable acting even in his small role as king of Zamunda, but one wonders what he was doing in this film; and stand-up comedian Louie Anderson is cast as co-worker Maurice, with his talents all but wasted in a small role as a straight man.

"Coming to America" has moments of unequivocal humor, but the fabric holding these instances together is weak.

Other films around town ...
John Huston's last film, "The Dead," is a stunningly beautiful adaptation of a short story from James Joyce's novella, The Dublinders. Starring his daughter Anjelica Huston, "The Dead" is exquisitely photographed with entrancing images of the party that provides the central focus of the film. Ms. Huston's understated performance as the young woman thinking about her life is also striking, and the film truly becomes a work of art.

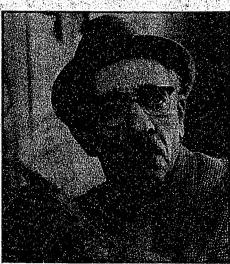
"Colors" is a film well worth seeing. Addressing the issue of gangs in present day Los Angeles, "Colors" also investigates the relationship between two officers played by Sean Penn and Robert Duvall.

Though its plot follows a conventional path through the early going, Director Dennis Hopper strives to present an honestly bleak portrait of lives destroyed by gang violence. He presents a grim, disheartening and horrifying view of gangs in Los Angeles. Sean Penn as the young and impressionable officer and Robert Duvall as the more seasoned policeman turn in brilliant performances, which enhance the film's power.

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The new Eddie Murphy film, "Coming to America," features a cast of thousands: including Eddie Murphy as Prince Akeem (top) Eddie Murphy as an elderly Jewish man named Saul (above) and an appearance by Eddie Murphy (below) as entertainer Randy Watson.



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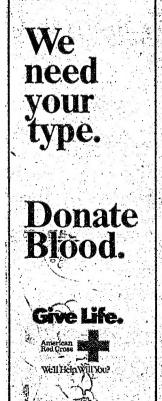
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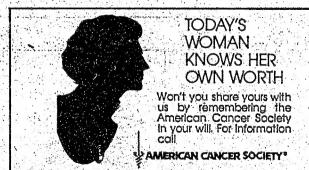
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Donald McCann (left) and Anjelica Huston star in John Huston's last film, "The Dead," which is based on a short story by James Joyce.





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SPORTS

Gates hot on recruiting trail after pacemaker implant



Gates hits infield practice. After surgery to implant a pacemeaker in May, the coach still likes to attend a couple of high school baseball games a night.

having a pacemaker implanted in mid-May.

Gates, 56, was attending a high school game in Papillion, his third of the day, when heart problems threw him

"Things got real blurry, and I dropped my notebook. I think I blacked-out," Gates said. "I went home, and the wife said I should go into the hospital."

The pacemaker operation took place the next day. Gates said the procedure was needed to correct a low blood count and irregular heartbeat.

"I'm feeling real good right now, except for getting hit in the chest with a baseball the other day," he said.

Gates, now in his 13th season at UNO, has been hot on the trail of several recruits, signing two pitchers from lowa Western Community College, and actively pursuing many more.

1/Left-hander Chris Shanahan, originally from Omaha Ca-

Keith Faur

Sports Columnist

thedral, was 15-3 over two seasons for the Rievers, in-

The second signed, Tim Hester, had a 3-0 record with

Gates said he is a little behind in recruiting but intends

"What I really want is four to six guys to fill holes in

'We need a shortstop, a third-baseman and a second-

The Mays lost three-year starter Gary Newton and

There are two or three guys who may be academically

As Gates makes his rounds to games this summer hop-

pitcher Clark Anderson to graduation. Gates said he would not be surprised if a few more fall by the wayside before

ineligible, but they have this summer and the entire fall semester to boost their grades if they want to," Gates

to recruit several players who can come in and start for

the infield and center, with possibly two more strong

baseman, along with a couple players for depth.

a 1.78 earned run average after a high school career at

cluding a 7-3 record this year.

Elkhorn. He is a right-hander.

the start of this coming season.

the Mavs next season.

pitchers," he said.

UNO Baseball Coach Bob Gates is back in action after ing to have the holes in his team filled before the Aug. 29 signing deadline, he really is not taking it easy.
"I like to see one to two games an evening," he said.

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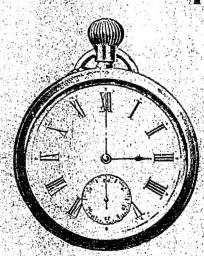
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